

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE  
AT CHATTANOOGA**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	)	
	)	Case No. 1:23-cr-2
v.	)	
	)	Dist. Judge Travis R. McDonough
STEVEN JAMES BALLOU	)	
	)	Mag. Judge Christopher H. Steger

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**ORDER**

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United States Magistrate Judge Christopher H. Steger filed a report and recommendation (Doc. 8) recommending that the Court: (1) accept Defendant's guilty plea to Count One of the one count Information; (2) adjudicate Defendant guilty of interstate stalking with a dangerous weapon in violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 2261A(1)(B) and 2261(b)(3); and (3) order that Defendant remain in custody pending further order of this Court.

Neither party filed a timely objection to the report and recommendation. After reviewing the record, the Court agrees with Magistrate Judge Steger's report and recommendation. Accordingly, the Court **ACCEPTS** and **ADOPTS** the magistrate judge's report and recommendation (Doc. 8) pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1) and **ORDERS** as follows:

1. Defendant's plea of guilty to Count One of the one count Information is  
**ACCEPTED**;
2. Defendant is hereby **ADJUDGED** guilty of interstate stalking with a dangerous weapon in violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 2261A(1)(B) and 2261(b)(3);
3. Defendant's sentencing hearing shall take place on **June 9, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.** before the undersigned United States District Judge; and
4. Defendant **SHALL REMAIN** in custody pending further order of this Court.

**SO ORDERED.**

***/s/ Travis R. McDonough***

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**TRAVIS R. MCDONOUGH**

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE**